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# RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed <u>December 12, 2007, Paper No./Mail Date 20071210</u>, please consider the following.

Applicants hereby petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a one month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

The Examiner has required an election of species pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following patentably distinct species:

A. Figures 1-7;

B. Figure 9;

C. Figure 20; and

D. Figure 21.

Applicants, without traverse, respectfully request the Examiner to proceed with Species B principally illustrated in Figure 9. Applicants believe that Claims 1-8, 16-28 and 30-35 read on the elected species and that at least Claims 1-8, 28, 30 and 33-35 are generic. Applicants request that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

#### CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 6, 2008

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